

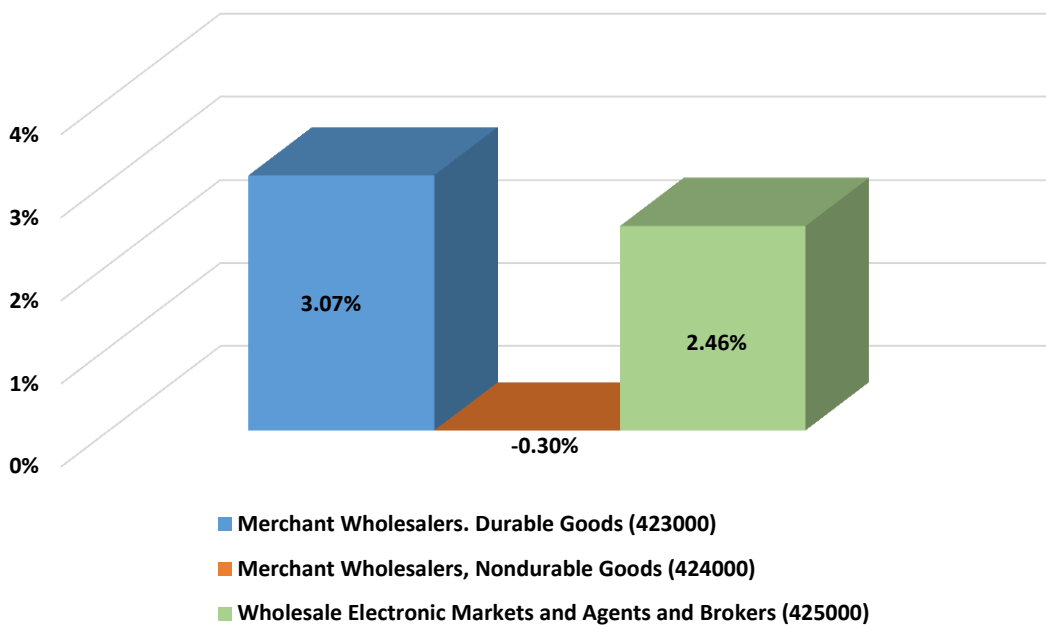
## Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (102100)

**Trade, Transportation and Utilities** is projected to add 3,361 jobs between 2018 and 2020, a 1.35 percent employment increase. The **Wholesale Trade** sector is predicted to see a gain of 806 new jobs, or 1.72 percent growth. *Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods* is predicted to experience the most growth adding 720 new jobs, an increase of 3.07 percent, while *Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers* is slated to add 139 to its respective workforce. *Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods* is predicted to show a small net loss of 53 jobs, 0.30 percent of its workforce.

### SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK 2018-2020

2-Year Historical (2016-2018) Growth Rate: -0.22%  
2-Year Projected (2018-2020) Growth Rate: 1.35%

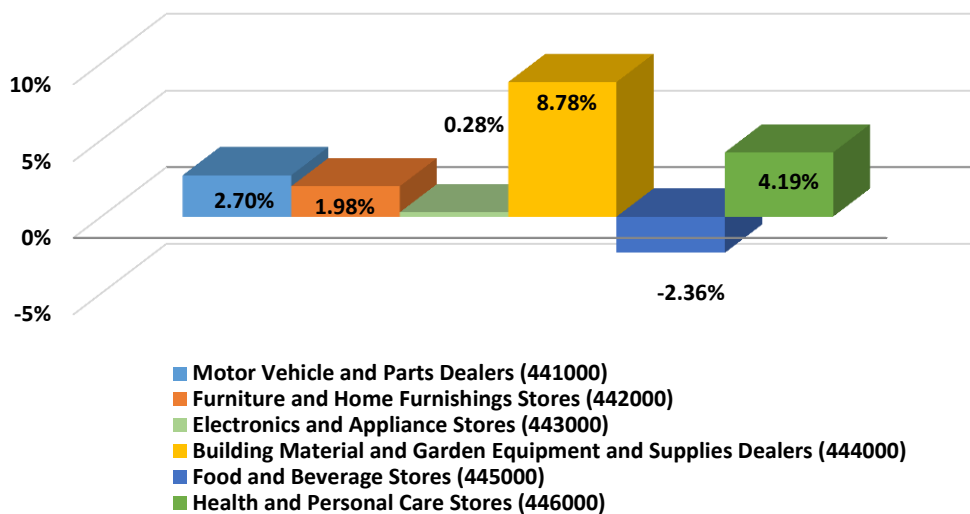
Percent Growth by Subsector  
Wholesale Trade (420000)



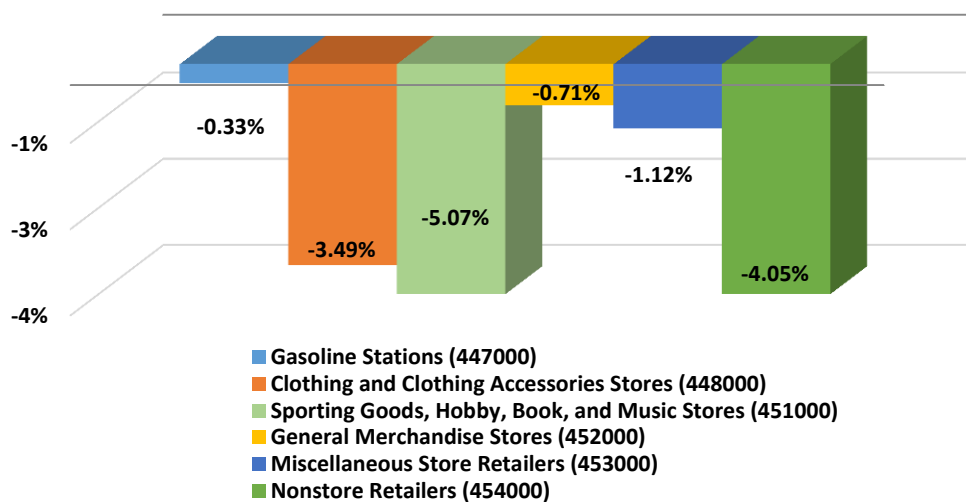
**Retail Trade** is predicted to experience a mixed outlook with a net gain of 571 new jobs, a growth of less than one-half percent. *Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers* could see the brightest outlook with a gain of 1,037 jobs, or 8.78 percent. *Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers* could add an additional 516. Seven subsectors in the **Retail Trade** sector are slated to experience job losses with *Food and Beverage Stores* leading with a decline of 459 becoming, in terms of numbers, the top declining industry. An increase in Scan N Go self-service check outs as well as grocery store pickup programs may contribute to this decline. *Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores* is slated to be the fastest declining industry subsector losing 5.07 percent of its workforce. Direct Selling

Establishments, part of the *Nonstore Retailers* subsector, is forecast to be the fastest declining industry in **Retail Trade** and fourth statewide, with a 10.55 percent decline.

**Percent Growth by Subsector  
Retail Trade-Chart 1 (440000)**



**Percent Growth by Subsector  
Retail Trade-Chart 2 (440000)**

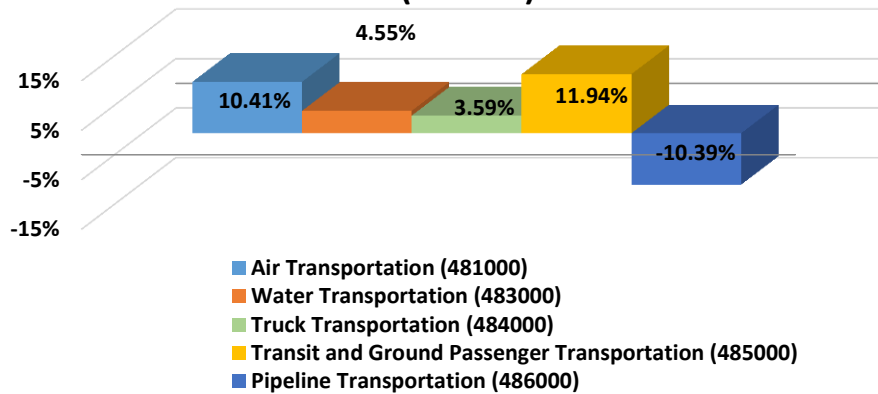


*Transportation and Warehousing* could see a net gain of 2,171 new jobs during the 2018-2020 projection period, an increase of 3.83 percent. *Truck Transportation* is estimated to be the top growing subsector with an increase of 1,136 jobs placing among the top 10 on the Top 20 Growing Industries by Numeric Change list. Nonscheduled Air Transportation is slated to be the fastest growing industry in the state increasing employment by 22.33 percent, while Other Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation is a step behind at 22.21 percent. In all, six industries in this sector are included on the

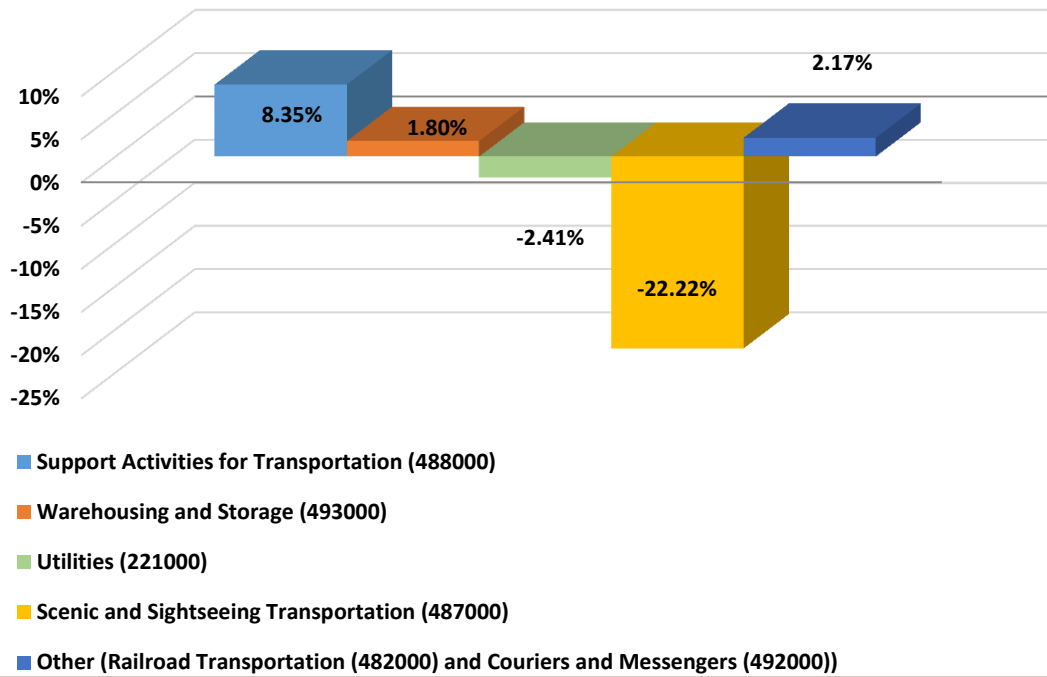
Top 20 Fastest Growing Industries list. On the negative side, *Pipeline Transportation* is expected to lose 43 jobs, or 10.39 percent of its workforce.

The last sector in **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** is the *Utilities* sector, which is set to have the toughest outlook with an anticipated net loss of 187 jobs, or 2.41 percent of its workforce. Driving the decline is likely Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution, which is predicted to lose 139 jobs, placing the industry among the top 10 on the Top 20 Declining Industries by Numeric Change list. Natural Gas Distribution is projected to experience a loss of 66 jobs, also placing on the Top 20 Declining Industries list. Water, Sewage and Other Systems is the only industry with a positive outlook for the *Utilities* sector with a gain of 18 new jobs expected, or 1.92 percent.

**Percent Growth by Subsector**  
**Transportation and Warehousing (480000)/**  
**Utilities (220000)-Chart 1**



**Percent Growth by Subsector**  
**Transportation and Warehousing (480000)/**  
**Utilities (220000)-Chart 2**



**Workforce Development Area Outlook**  
**Trade, Transportation, and Utilities**

Workforce Development Area	2018 Estimated Employment	2020 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Northwest Arkansas	60,476	62,342	1,866	3.089%
North Central Arkansas	14,888	14,874	-14	-0.09%
Northeast Arkansas	19,622	19,938	316	1.61%
Central Arkansas	37,004	37,205	201	0.54%
City of Little Rock	30,192	30,459	267	0.88%
Eastern Arkansas	9,018	9,029	11	0.122%
Western Arkansas	22,156	22,532	376	1.70%
West Central Arkansas	21,510	21,725	215	1.00%
Southwest Arkansas	14,690	14,475	-215	-1.46%
Southeast Arkansas	12,425	12,175	-250	-2.01%